

Background

In August of 2007, Secretary Chrisman convened the Sierra Nevada Strategic Investment Team, made up of departments within the Resources Agency. The purpose of the group is to “facilitate coordination of the State of California's investment in the Sierra Nevada Region to achieve maximum sustainable environmental and economic benefits for the area. “ The group is further directed to coordinate activities, consistent with the SNC Strategic Plan.

The group met in August of last year and in January of this year.

Current Status

SNSIT agencies continue to coordinate on a number of issues, including grant programs, climate change and a variety of other initiatives. Quarterly meetings will occur between SNC staff and the staff of the Wildlife Conservation Board in order to coordinate investments in the Region to the extent possible. Ongoing discussions with the Department of Fish and Game, Cal Fire and Parks and Recreation are also occurring. In addition, the SNC is working with the Resources Agency, the Tahoe Conservancy and our federal partners in the development of a Sierra Nevada Climate Action Plan (more information in contained in a separate agenda item).

Next Steps

SNC staff will continue to work with other agencies to gather the information necessary for preparation of an annual report on Sierra Nevada investments, as directed by Secretary Chrisman.

Recommendation

No action is needed by the Board at this time.